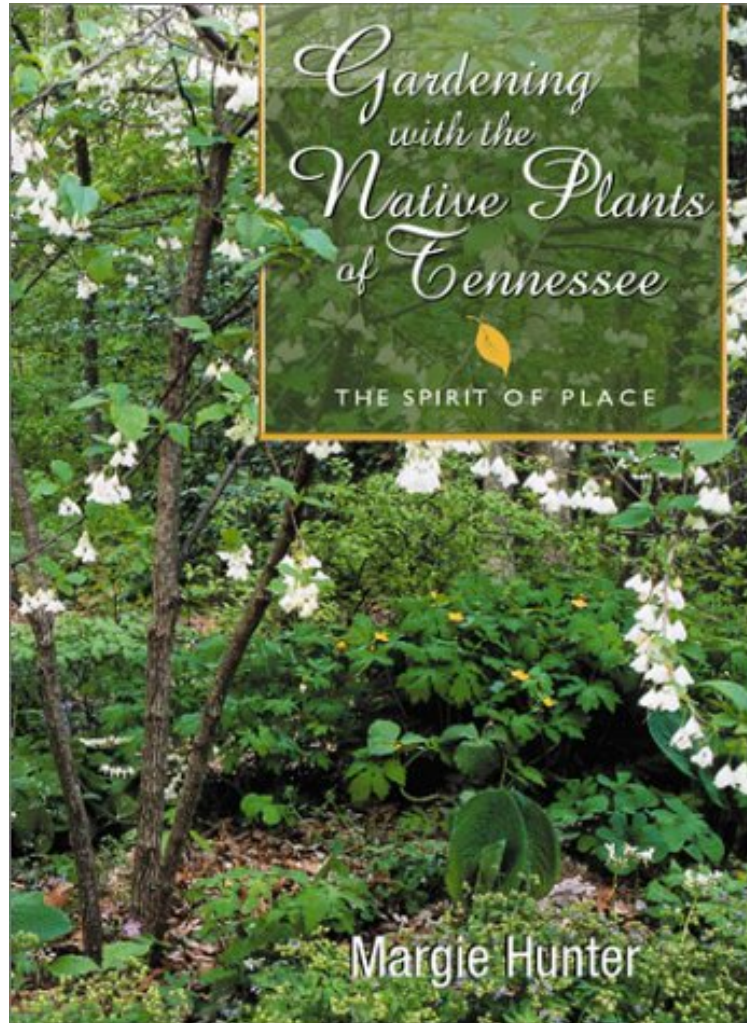


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Margie Hunter : Gardening With The Native Plants Of Tennessee: The Spirit Of Place before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Gardening With The Native Plants Of Tennessee: The Spirit Of Place:

19 of 19 people found the following review helpful. Excellent resource for native planting By C. L. D. This is one of the most helpful books I've picked up recently. The beginning of the book lays out the geography, geology, and ecology of Tennessee, as well as the reasons behind using native plants in your landscape. The way the author described the state's heritage made me want to return things to natural in my own space. She also points out a few of the invasive plants in the area and reasons to avoid them. I thought this section could have had more information though. The

remaining 2/3 of the book is lists of all the native wildflowers, shrubs, trees, and vines in Tennessee. It lists which sections of the state they are native to, their preferred growing conditions, whether they are easy to grow and transplant. Also included with each is a good color photograph, although many of them are kind of small and up close, so it's hard to decipher the full plant or its growing habit. I think I'll be doing a lot of research on the internet to find better pictures of the candidates for my garden. The reason I gave it 4 stars instead of 5 are 1) the pictures, as mentioned, and 2) I thought the cost of the book is a little high for what it is. Although if I had it to do over again, I would still pay the 23 bucks, because no other source that I know of has such a concise and complete list of this kind. Other states should be envious! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Would give it 10 stars if I could. By Amotd This is a book that I believe is so very useful if you want to plant natives in your Tennessee garden. She discusses the different regions and their different characteristics. As we all know, Tennessee is not homogenous, particularly with regards to gardening. The chapters on specific plants are great. She describes the plant, its preferred growing conditions and where in the state it grows naturally. There are lots of pictures. I don't have a negative thing to say about this book. I've already bought extras to give to family in East Tennessee. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Like many of the other reviewers said By gfWell written. Lots of helpful information we will be using when we start choosing plants for the home we are building in Southeast Tennessee. Like many of the other reviewers said, it would have been nice to have had larger photos of the plants. That said, it is still a great reference book.

An invaluable resource for the home or commercial gardener who wishes to plant native species. Edward W. Chester, Austin Peay State University The natural landscape of Tennessee represents a unique treasure for gardeners and nature lovers. Encompassing several geographically distinctive regions, from the 6,000-foot peaks of the Unaka Mountains to the swampy floodplain of the Mississippi River, the state boasts nearly 3,000 native plant species. This stunning diversity of life owes much to Tennessee's prime location at the crossroads of mountain and prairie ecosystems and in the transition area between northern and southern climate patterns. In *Gardening with the Native Plants of Tennessee*, Margie Hunter gives gardeners the knowledge they need in order to nurture this natural heritage in their own gardens. Beginning with a survey of the state's ecology including geology, geography, plant life and animal species Hunter takes a holistic approach to the process of gardening with native plants. The book's main section provides detailed accounts of 450 species of wildflowers, ferns, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees native to Tennessee and adjacent states. These descriptions, arranged according to plant type, include both scientific and common name, flowering and fruiting times, propagation methods, soil and light requirements, and distribution patterns within the state. Nearly 400 color photographs illustrate the species discussions. No other book designed for the home gardener includes such area-specific information on native species or such a comprehensive listing of plants. Appendixes refer readers to other sources of information and seeds, including mail-order nurseries, botanical gardens, state agencies, native plant organizations, and subject-specific conferences. A detailed bibliography also contributes to the reference value of this book for gardeners, landscapers, and nature lovers throughout Tennessee and in neighboring states. The Author: Margie Hunter, a long-time volunteer at Cheekwood Botanical Garden, lives in Nashville.

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